

The Corporation of the Township of Mattice – Val Côté

Meeting 24-03 (regular)

February 27th, 2024

Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on February 27th, 2024, at 7:00 pm, in the Municipal Council Chambers at the Town Hall, 500 Highway 11, Mattice, Ontario.

Present:

Councilor/Acting Mayor – Steve Brousseau
Councilor – Joyce Malenfant
Councilor – Réginald Manning

Absent:

Mayor – Marc Dupuis
Councilor – Sophie Gagnon

Staff

CAO/Clerk – Guylaine Coulombe
Treasurer – Annie Plamondon

1. Opening of meeting

The Acting Mayor opened the meeting at 7:00 pm

2. Approval of the Order of Business

- Resolution 24-38

3. Pecuniary interest

Nil

4. Delegation, Presentation, Meeting requested by Council

Nil

5. Adoption of minutes of previous Council meeting

- Resolutions 24-39

6. Treasurer’s report

Nil

7. CAO's report

7.1 Resolutions/requests for support

- b) Town of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands – needs-based funding
 - Resolution 24-40

- c) Township of Perry – recycling - ineligible sources
 - Resolution 24-41

The following request for support was received and filed:

- a) Town of Petrolia – combined OGRA & ROMA conference

- 7.2 NeCN – distribution of the agriculture project report
 - Resolution 24-42

- 7.3 Recycling - 2025 transition
 - Resolution 24-43

- 7.4 World Autism Day – proclamation
 - Resolution 24-44

7.5 Report on various items

- a) Training/meetings
- b) Information provided
- c) Complaints received
 - Filed

c) For Council's consideration:

- i) Invoices - installation of ceiling tiles
 - Resolution 24-45
- ii) TFO capital grant – no funding application will be submitted at this time. The future of the arena ice surface needs to be ascertained by Council.
- Agreed

7.6 Medical personnel recruiting efforts – contribution

- Resolution 24-46

8. Mayor's report

N/A

9. Councilors' reports

A. Councilor Brousseau

- Nil

B. Councilor Malenfant

- Verbal report of the Foyer des Pionniers Board meeting held in Hearst on February 13th, 2024

C. Councilor Manning

- Nil

10. By-laws

Nil

11. Caucus

Nil

12. Minutes/Periodic reports/Correspondence

The following documents were received and filed:

12.1 MECP – environmental assessment process

12.2 AMO – policy update

12.3 IESO – demand for electricity

13. Resolutions

Agenda

Resolution 24-38: Joyce Malenfant - Réginald Manning

THAT the agenda be hereby accepted.

Carried

Minutes

Resolution 24-39: Réginald Manning - Joyce Malenfant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of Council's regular meeting 24-02, held on February 7th, 2024 be hereby adopted.

Carried

Needs-based funding

Resolution 24-40: Réginald Manning – Joyce Malenfant

WHEREAS the current economy has stretched the financial capabilities of Municipalities and taxpayers to the point where they do not have sufficient financial resources to meet the ongoing demands of everyday living, and;

WHEREAS the current housing accelerator fund provides financial support for small communities and, while water and distribution systems are considered eligible under program guidelines, one of the primary criteria for this funding is the ability to prove that the funds will accelerate the development of housing stock on the water or distribution system, and;

WHEREAS many smaller communities are not experiencing the level of growth necessary to meet the requirements of the program, and;

WHEREAS the water and wastewater systems in those communities represents a higher cost to operate per capita than the systems in larger built-up areas, and;

WHEREAS the cost of maintaining those systems on a user-pay basis is creating undo financial hardship for the limited number of residents on those systems;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby supports Resolution no. 38-02-2024 made by Council for the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands, requesting that the Province of Ontario implement a funding stream for water and wastewater systems that primarily utilizes operational and financial need as a criteria, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands and to our local parliament representatives, MPP Guy Bourgouin and MP Carol Hughes.

Carried

Recycling - ineligible sources

Resolution 24-41: Joyce Malenfant – Réginald Manning

WHEREAS under Ontario Regulation 391/21, Blue Box producers are fully accountable and financially responsible for their products and packaging once they reach their end of life and are disposed of, for "eligible" sources only, and;

WHEREAS “ineligible” sources, which producers are not responsible for, include businesses, places of worship, daycares, campgrounds, public-facing and internal areas of municipal-owned buildings and not-for-profit organizations, such as shelters and food banks, and;

WHEREAS should a municipality continue to provide services to the “ineligible” sources, the municipality will be required to oversee the collection, transportation and processing of the recycling, assuming 100% of the costs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté hereby support Resolution no. 2024-52 of Council for the Township of Perry, requesting that the Province amend Ontario Regulation 391/21 so that Blue Box producers are responsible for the end-of-life management of recycling products from all sources, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Andrea Khanjin, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Township of Perry and to our local parliament representatives, MPP Guy Bourgouin and MP Carol Hughes.

Carried

Agriculture project report

Resolution 24-42: Joyce Malenfant – Réginald Manning

WHEREAS the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté is a Member Organization in the Northeast Community Network (“NeCN”);

AND WHEREAS the NeCN is the owner of certain confidential information pertaining to the Claybelt Agriculture Development Project (the “Project”);

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté wishes to access and receive confidential information relating to the Project for the purposes of review;

AND WHEREAS it is a requirement of NeCN that Member Municipalities appoint a municipal representative to sit on the NeCN Board of Directors;

AND WHEREAS it is a requirement that NeCN Board Members and their Authorized Representatives enter into a non-disclosure agreement in the form attached hereto as Schedule A to this Resolution (the “Agreement”) prior to accessing and receiving confidential information relating to the Project;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, a written request for disclosure (“Request for Disclosure”) in the form of a municipal council resolution including the name, position, organization, contact information, relation to the NeCN Board Member and a statement regarding the reasoning behind, and justification for the request is required;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté wishes to designate certain individuals as its Authorized Representatives and submit a Request for Disclosure in accordance with the Agreement;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté appoints the individuals listed in the Request for Disclosure attached hereto as Schedule B to this Resolution as its Authorized Representatives for the purpose of receiving confidential information respecting the Project from the NeCN pursuant to the Agreement;
2. The execution and delivery of the Agreement by Marc Dupuis, Mayor and Guylaine Coulombe, CAO/Clerk of the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté as Receiving Party is ratified and approved;
3. The execution and delivery of the Agreement by the individuals listed in the Request for Disclosure attached hereto as Schedule B to this Resolution as the Municipality’s Authorized Representatives is ratified and approved; and
4. The Request for Disclosure attached hereto as Schedule B to this Resolution is ratified and approved by the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté for submission to the NeCN in accordance with the Agreement, together with a copy of this Resolution.

Carried

Recycling – 2025 transition

Resolution 24-43: Réginald Manning – Joyce Malenfant

WHEREAS Circular Materials is the Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO) that administers the Blue Box Common Collection System in Ontario, and;

WHEREAS the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté will transition its blue box recycling services to the new system on January 1st, 2025, and;

WHEREAS the 2020 data call does not represent an adequate estimate of the volume or of the costs of the recycling services for Mattice – Val Côté because the depot was only available to residents for a period of three months in 2020, and;

WHEREAS municipal staff is currently addressing the above-noted issue with Circular Materials;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté is opting in with Circular Materials for the 2025 transition year, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, to that end, Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté is prepared to enter into a Depot Operations Agreement with Circular Materials and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Mattice – Val Côté depot remain unstaffed and in its present location for 2025.

Carried

World Autism Day

Resolution 24-44: Joyce Malenfant – Réginald Manning

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby proclaims April 2nd, 2024, as World Autism Awareness Day in the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the autism awareness flag be raised on April 2nd, 2024 to show support towards autism.

Carried

Installation of ceiling tiles

Resolution 24-45: Réginald Manning – Steve Brousseau

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby directs staff to obtain a breakdown of the costs for the extra work involved in cleaning and painting the ceiling railings, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, in light of the defects in the work performed, Council hereby directs staff to seek a 25% rebate on the tile installation work.

Carried

Medical personnel
recruiting efforts

Resolution 24-46: Steve Brousseau – Réginald Manning

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Mattice – Val Côté not contribute retroactively to the incentive provided by the Town of Hearst to Dr. Shaheen.

Carried

14. Next regular meeting: Wednesday, March 20th, 2024 at 7:00 pm

15. Confirmatory by-law

Resolution 24-47: Joyce Malenfant – Réginald Manning
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law no. 979, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council on Tuesday, February 27th, 2024, be hereby adopted.

Carried

16. Adjournment: 8:02 pm

Resolution 24-48: Steve Brousseau – Joyce Malenfant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this regular meeting of Council held on February 27th, 2024, be adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Carried

Read and confirmed on March 20th, 2024

Acting Mayor

CAO/Clerk